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The references were cited in German Search Report dated  
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As to the "tpi (erroneously written as "tip") Zeitschriftenreferate" article reference: "Pages 116, 117";

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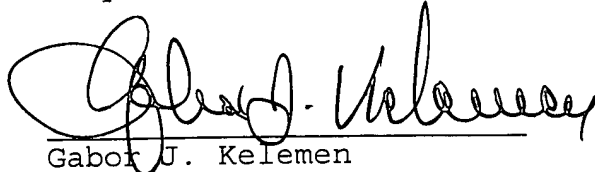
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